



Weekly Newsletter for the 23rd March 2026 (141)

Our Purpose - To Sustain or Enhance Members' Mental Health and Wellbeing.

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Projects

"Small Steps, Big Leaps!"

The kitset for the new timber storage shed and the frame for the mechanical workshop, arrived last week.

As soon as they touched the ground, our building crew leapt on them with great glee and before you could say "Ticketty Boo" the supporting poles for the storage shed were in the ground, "pointed at the correct stars" and fixed with concrete.

Our esteemed Project Manager spent a few sleepless nights wondering how his team were going to stand up the "telephone poles" required to support the new structure. Little did he know we have "tree Huggers" and "log wrestlers" in the shed who couldnt resist a challenge. There's even a surveyor who proclaimed "verticality" when it was finally achieved. Much to the relief of the Project Manager.

Watch out for next weeks "cliff hanging" episode in the continuing "Odyssey" of the Shed.





Another Popular Project For Sale



Another cast iron sewing machine frame repurposed as a very useful table.

Offered to Shed members first.

The top is fashioned from a beautiful Kauri slab with natural edge back and front.

This has been professionally flattened by member Tony Miller and finished with Rubion monocoat which is a hard wax oil.

It is 745mm long and between 460 and 510mm wide. 740mm high. On wheels.

The frame was cleaned and treated with two coats of Penetrol to prevent rust

and maintain the patina. .

The table is from a "Laidlaw Special #3" sewing machine. These were American made but branded for NZ by Robert Laidlaw, the founder of Farmers Trading Company.

Dates from between 1909 and about 1920.

If you are interested, see Douglas or Don.

(No you dont get a free pot plant or laptop...for beautification purposes only !)

Shed's Kiwi Boxes

Going into service

Another happy customer!!



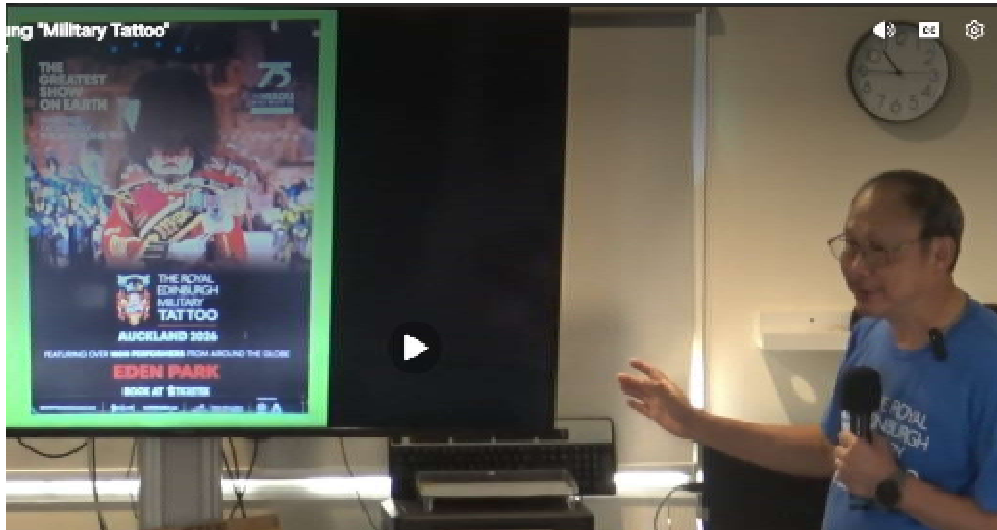
Next Speaker

Tuesday 31st March

Shed Member Chris Watson talks about Mount Kilimanjaro. To climb or not to climb in 1972.

A section of his travels in Africa.

Last Speaker



[Here](#) is Raymond Cheung's Video of the Auckland Military Tattoo, at Eden Park.

Shed Tutorial

On the mezzanine floor .

Wednesday 1st April at 11am Wood Joints

April Barbecue dates

Tuesday 14th and Friday 24th

Bunnings Family Night

Despite the foul weather, the Bunnings Easter Family Night was held to a packed turnout. Face painting, balloon animals, easter egg painting, pizza, popcorn, etc. Even massage therapy for the weary parents!

And of course our race cars proved a hit with both kids and their parents. Discussions amongst our members sought to understand why they are always such a hit. Watching the kids we wondered if it touches on several different personality types to satisfy anyone. 1. the Engineer (building the car). 2. the Creative (painting/colouring) and 3. the Sporty/Competitive (racing it down the ramp).

Thank you to all the members who helped on this very wet night. Bunnings rewarded us with \$200 in vouchers plus an offer to supply timber for a community project of our choosing.





The Shed will be open
Good Friday, Saturday and Easter Monday



Watch out !

April Fools Day is coming!





Mal's Corner

**We could certainly slow the ageing process down,
if it had to work through, our parliament!**

**A big mystery in life -
why kamikaze pilots wore helmets ?**

**“ Peace comes from within –
do not seek it without. ”**

Have a great week!

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Members, for today and far into the future.**